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SUBJECT: CAETANO ARRIVES IN UK

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1. PRIME MINISTER CAETANO ARRIVED IN UK THIS AFTERNOON
FOR FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MOST HOSTILE PRESS RECEPTION
ACCORDED A VISITING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT IN MANY A YEAR.
WEEKEND NEWSPAPERS FEATURED LURID ARTICLES AND NEWS
STORIES ON PORTUGAL'S "COLONIAL WAR" IN AFRICA,
AND FURTHER ALLEGATIONS OF MASSACRES, TORTURE, AND OTHER
ATROCITIES BY PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS. OBSERVER AND SUNDAY
TIMES, FOLLOWING LEAD OF GUARDIAN AND TIMES, RAN EDITOR-
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IALS SHARPLY CRITICIZING HEATH GOVERNMENT FOR HAVING

INVITED CAETANO.

2. FIVE THOUSAND DEMONSTRATORS INCLUDING SEVEN LABOR
MPS MARCHED IN RAIN THROUGH CENTRAL LONDON YESTERDAY AND
PROTESTED PEACEFULLY OUTSIDE PORTUGUESE EMBASSY. MORE
GESTURES OF PROTEST ARE PLANNED FOR REMAINDER OF
VISIT. IN PUBLIC ADDRESSES DELIVERED OVER WEEKEND,
LABOR PARTY LEADER HAROLD WILSON AND LABOR'S JUNIOR
FRONTBENCH DEFENSE SPOKESMAN FRANK JUDD BOTH CALLED FOR
PORTUGAL'S EXPULSION FROM NATO, A THEME THEY ARE LIKELY
TO REPEAT DURING TOMORROW'S DEBATE IN THE COMMONS.

3. THE GOVERNMENT IS MEANWHILE PROCEEDING WITH ITS
PLANS FOR THE VISIT. PRIME MINISTER HEATH WILL HOST A
DINNER FOR DR. CAETANO THIS EVENING AND THE QUEEN WILL
GIVE A DINNER IN HIS HONOR TOMORROW EVENING. BESIDES
MEETING WITH HEATH TODAY, CAETANO WILL ALSO HAVE TALKS
WITH THE BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY OF
STATE FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, THE MINISTER FOR TRADE AND
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, AND THE MINISTER RESPONSIBLE FOR BRI-
TAIN'S AFFAIRS IN THE EC.

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